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SUBJ: PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY - NUCLEAR SHIPS

1. FOLLOWING IS RELEASE BY ROY MORGAN RESEARCH CENTRE,  
AUSTRALIAN AFFILIATE OF GALLUP POLLS SYSTEM. BASIC  
DATA BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY TODAY.

QTE MOST PEOPLE APPROVE OF VISITS BY AMERICAN WARSHIPS  
WITH NUCLEAR-POWERED ENGINES, THE MORGAN POLL  
FINDS.

IN THIS AUSTRALIA-WIDE SURVEY 2,085 PEOPLE WERE  
FIRST REMINDED THAT RECENTLY THE U.S.S. TRUXTUN, AN  
AMERICAN WARSHIP WITH NUCLEAR-POWERED ENGINES, VISITED  
MELBOURNE. PEOPLE WERE THEN ASKED WHETHER THEY WERE FOR  
OR AGAINST VISITS BY AMERICAN WARSHIPS WITH NUCLEAR-  
POWERED ENGINES.

PEOPLE ANSWERED: FOR VISITS BY NUCLEAR SHIPS 62  
PERCENT, AGAINST VISITS BY NUCLEAR SHIPS 19 PERCENT,  
UNDECIDED 19 PERCENT.  
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FIFTY PER CENT OF ALP VOTERS WERE IN FAVOR, 31 PERCENT AGAINST AND 19 PERCENT UNDECIDED. OF L-NCP VOTERS 74 PERCENT WERE IN FAVOR, 9 PERCENT AGAINST AND 17 PERCENT UNDECIDED.

THE FOLLOWNG TABLE SHOWS THAT MEN WERE MORE FOR THE VISITS THAN WOMEN, AS WERE PEOPLE OVER 50, COMPARED WITH YOUNGER PEOPLE.

AGES OF PEOPLE

	ALL PEOPLE	MEN	WOMEN	14-29	30-45	50 PLUS
	PERCENT	PERCENT	PERCENT	PERCENT	PERCENT	PERCENT
FOR	62	67	57	57	64	67
AGAINST	19	19	19	21	18	17
UNDECIDED	19	14	24	22	18	16

PEOPLE IN FAVOR OF THE VISITS USUALLY SAID 'THERE IS NO DANGER,' ITS PROGRESS.' THOSE AGAINST USUALLY SAID 'BRINGING UNNECESSARY RISK TO AUSTRALIA', 'AGAINST ALL NUCLEAR POWER.'

THE MORGAN GALLUP POLL IS CONDUCTED BY THE ONLY AUSTRALIAN MEMBER OF GALLUP INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE INC. NO OTHER PUBLIC OPINION POLL TAKEN IN AUSTRALIA HAS THIS QUALIFICATION. UNQTE.  
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